

Press release

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**A new trend towards hygiene for contract furniture.
kuschmed Hygienic-Line sets the tone.**

Geographical mobility as well as globalisation have put hygiene high on the list of priorities. Highly infectious diseases, such as hepatitis, tuberculosis, MRSA, SARS, etc. have increased in frequency.

Each year, about 175,000 patients die of hospital-acquired infections in Europe. The bulk of these infections could have been avoided. In Germany alone, nosocomial infections cause 4 million extra days of hospital care in Germany with a price tag of € 2.6 billion. In order to avoid this type of infection, hygiene should be top priority in hospitals and health care facilities as well as senior citizen's and nursing homes. The same goes for all the public places where people from all around the world meet, such as hotel lobbies, restaurants, airports and railway stations.

As national and international hygienic regulations are becoming more and more stringent, the hospitals rely heavily on the QA department and hire experts in medical hygiene. The demand for hygienic seating in the contract furniture business is higher than ever – the contract furnisher Kusch+Co with its seat in the German Sauerland region is one of the first manufacturers to offer a suitable solution with its new range kuschmed Hygienic-Line.

Increasing demand for hygienic seating.

Most health care facilities and social institutions have furnished their waiting rooms and lobbies with unsuitable furniture: open-pored finishes, cracks and scratches, concealed and inaccessible parts, fixed covers, improper upholstery: a no-go for kuschmed Hygienic-Line, meeting the most stringent hygienic standards, combined with a skin-friendly upholstery and a homely design.

The basic principle of kuschmed Hygienic-Line seating is to provide an unfavourable breeding ground for bacteria, germs and mildew. That is why the finish is smooth and closed-pored, impervious and growth-inhibiting for bacteria. As a result, longer intervals for cleaning and disinfection are possible.

Technical know-how.

The pore-free nano-coating on the wooden surface is smooth and easy to clean and disinfect. The silver-bearing coating of metal surfaces has a long-lasting growth-inhibiting effect on bacteria. The HPL-tops can be easily disinfected with a spray. Depending on the requirements, the covers are hygienically impervious and easy to disinfect or impervious to liquids and pleasant to the touch – if need be, the covers are stain-resistant and fungicidal.

Special care instructions provide more detailed information on how to clean and disinfect each type of surface, including a list of recommended disinfectants. The list comprises also very strong disinfectants that are used against pandemics, f.i. caused by a norovirus or to sterilize the isolation chambers.

Special GEFATEX covers and cushions are available for the nursing chair Care. In combination with the optional flame retardant flamine upholstery, fire prevention and comfort go hand in hand. Kusch+Co has a long experience in minimizing and preventing the risk of infection. The Care nursing chair has been successfully launched as a medical product.

In close co-operation with the company GEFA Hygiene-Systeme GmbH&Co Kg, other medical-hygienic accessories have been developed. The GEFATEX products have earned a good name in the health care sector.

Geared towards the future.

Present-day hospitals have already begun reorganising. In the future, the healthcare system will be dominated by large, centralized, highly sophisticated facilities supported by peripheral medical practices. These medical practices will be designed like a hotel rather than a hospital. The interior design must have a homely feel without losing sight of the hygienic conditions. The kuschmed Hygienic-Line range by Kusch+Co is tailored to these needs: "hygienic safety and comfort", considerably reducing risk of transferring dangerous germs from healthy persons to patients at risk. During the day, seating passes through many different hands.



Elegant, comfortable seating for sensitive areas with high hygienic standards. The special wooden- or metal-frame kuschmed Hygienic-Line chairs and tables prevent the risk of infection and are easily disinfected with a spray.



The pore-free nano-coating on wooden seating is smooth and easy to disinfect.



The silver-bearing coating on metal-frame seating has a growth-inhibiting effect on bacteria.



The label Kuschmed stands for hygienic safety.



All parts are easily accessible, guaranteeing a quick disinfection with a spray. There are no cracks and slits.



Only fabrics with special properties are used, f.i. with a closed-pored interior coating, water- and dirt-repellent, easily disinfected and with nano-coated fibres.

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